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Subject: Tulalip Well

Jeff:

It still seems to me that a key issue is whether the waste water treatment facility can treat its waste to drinking water standards. If not, given the hydrology of the area, it would seem that the facility would violate 144.12(a). If the science isn't good here, we need to have a full discussion about what to do.

In looking at 144.27, it seems like we have plenty of information gather authority without requiring a permit. So I don't really have any problem with letting this be a rule authorized well. (assuming the science is strong that it won't cause a violation of drinking water standards.)

Given the large number of drinking water wells in the area. I think it might be wise for the Tulalip tribes to engage in some type of public process. Inquire whether they think it would be a good idea to at least hold a public meeting to explain what they are doing.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Joe.